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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit an "Information Disclosure Citation In An Application" on a Form PTO-1449 (modified) [and provide(s) a copy of each of the listed documents] for consideration by the Examiner.

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